(b) *Price.* The price of the property will be established according to § 1955.113 of this subpart; however, a 10 percent discount of the listed price is authorized on nonprogram property. No discount is authorized on program property.

(c) *Decent, safe and sanitary (DSS) standards.* If an organization wants to buy a property which does not meet DSS standards, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 will repair it to meet those standards, including thermal performance standards, unless FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 determines it is not feasible to do so according to § 1955.64(a)(1)(ii) of subpart B of part 1955 of this chapter. The price will be adjusted to reflect any resulting change in value. Cosmetic repairs, if needed, such as painting, floor covering, landscaping, etc., are the responsibility of the organization. Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 1955–44, itemizing the required repairs and FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354's agreement to complete them before closing will be made a part of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 1955–45, the sales contract, before it is signed. Required repairs must be completed before closing so DSS restrictions will not be required in the deed.

(d) *Approval and closing.* Processing cash sales or MFH credit sales on non-program terms is according to § 1955.118 of this subpart, except as follows:

(1) *Earnest money deposit.* No earnest money deposit is required.

(2) *Downpayment.* No downpayment is required.

(3) *Term of note.* The term of the note may not exceed 30 years.

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§ 1955.120 Payment of points (housing).

To effect regular sale of inventory SFH property to a purchaser who is financing the purchase of the property with a non-FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 loan, the County Supervisor may authorize the payment by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 of not more than three points. The payment must be a customary requirement of the lender for the seller within the community where the property is located. Terms of payment will be incorporated in Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 1955–45 and will be fixed as of the date the form is signed by the appropriate FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 official. Points will *not* be paid to reduce the purchaser's interest rate. The payment will be deducted from the funds to be received by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 at closing.

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CHATTEL PROPERTY

§ 1955.121 Sale of acquired chattels (chattel).

Sections 1955.122 through 1955.124 of this subpart prescribe procedures for the sale of all acquired chattel property except real property rights. The State Director is authorized to sell acquired chattels by auction, sealed bid, regular sale or, for perishable items and crops, by negotiated sale. The State Director may redelegate authority to any qualified FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 employee.

§ 1955.122 Method of sale (chattel).

Acquired chattels will be sold as expeditiously as possible using the method(s) considered most appropriate. If the chattel is not sold within 180 days after acquisition, assistance will be requested as outlined in § 1955.143 of this subpart.

(a) *Sale to beginning farmers or ranchers.* Beginning farmers or ranchers obtaining special OL loan assistance under § 1941.15 of subpart A of part 1941 of this chapter will receive priority in the purchase of farm equipment held in government inventory during the commitment period. The County Supervisor will notify such applicants/borrowers of any farm equipment held in government inventory within the service area of the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 County Office. These applicants/borrowers